

News Release

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Annual Meeting Provides Updates about Federal Programs and Management Operations on Assateague Island

On Monday May 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM, federal land managers from Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore will hold an informational meeting at the Chincoteague Community Center. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for you to share joys or express concerns about 2009 programming and management actions affecting the Virginia portion of Assateague Island. Local representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service will be available for group discussions.

"Assateague Island is a local and national treasure. I urge interested community members and visitors to attend in order to learn about the management programs of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore" said Refuge Manager Lou Hinds

During the meeting, Refuge Manager Lou Hinds and Park Superintendent Patricia "Trish" Kicklighter will provide a quick review of 2008 management actions and then provide an overview of refuge and seashore undertakings for 2009. The public is invited to bring questions and receive answers.

As summer quickly approaches, a variety of adventures await. Whenever visiting, we welcome you to stop by the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center or the Toms Cove Visitor Center. Take time to observe wildlife along numerous trails, tour the Assateague Lighthouse, or just enjoy the natural and cultural experience of Assateague Island.

Information on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is available on the web at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco> or by calling 757-336-6122.

Information on Assateague Island National Seashore is available on the web at <http://nps.gov/asis> or by calling 410-641-1443.